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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Cherokee Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Providence Church, DeKalb County, Ala.,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 19, 1900.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ELD. J. B. APPLETON, Moderator, - - - COLLINSVILLE, ALA.
C. C. DAVIS, - - - - Clerk, - - - - - COLLINSVILLE, ALA.

Next meeting to be held with Shiloh Church twelve miles northwest of Porterville and fourteen miles west of Fort Payne, commencing on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1901, Clerk of church of W. H. Teal, Guest, Ala.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

On Education—R. H. Shaw, Wm. Warren.

On Temperance—B. C. Jones, W. P. Clayton.

On Literature—J. L. Ventress, W. B. Petty.

On Foreign Missions—E. Crawford, J. B. Hamric.

On Home Missions—S. Sparks, C. C. Clayton.

On State Mission—J. C. Heptinstall, A. A. Allen.

On Sabbath Schools—J. P. Stanley, J. L. Davis.

On Orphan's Home—W. W. Harris, W. S. Reed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches.
2. Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9. Report of committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Read and correct the minutes.
13. Read and correct roll of members.
14. Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

Standing Resolution—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Providence Church, October 19th, 1900, at 11 a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. Crawford. Text, latter clause of the 15th verse of Timothy.

1:30 P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. B. Appleton, and after reading 90th Psalm prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Appointed G. E. Mize, E. E. George and W. W. Harris to read Letters from the Churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—E Crawford, B. C. Jones.

Beulah—J. F. Yancy, J. H. Pertree.

Black Creek—W. H. Logan.

Buron—L. N. Mitchell.

Corrinth—W. P. Clayton, S. G. Jones.

Collinsville—J. B. Appleton, W. W. Harris, W. B. Petty, W. S. Reed, J. L. Ventress, C. C. Davis.

Friendship—J. C. Heptinstall.

Flat Rock—P. C. Chitwood, J. W. Estes, L. D. Corley.

Fort Payne—J. P. Stanley, Mrs. J. D. Monroe.

Gravel Hill—J. L. Davis.

Hopewell—W. R. Chamblee, F. B. Hall.

Liberty Hill, No. 1—W. H. Tidmore, F. C. Cook, James Smith.

Liberty Hill, No. 2—D. M. Pledger, W. H. Tallent.

Kynka—A. R. Gilbreath, S. T. Cothran, J. C. Horton.

Mt. Pleasant—Robert Upton, J. B. Hamrie, J. E. Johnson.

Mt. Zion—A. M. Studdard, H. P. McCormick, J. W. White.

Mt. Vernon—J. V. Glazener, R. T. Renfroe, W. H. Warren, J. M. Warren, R. H. Shaw.

Mount Flat—T. F. McCollomb, E. K. McKenzie, John Orr.

Macedonia—A. H. Masters, C. S. Martin, James Wilbanks.

Mount Tabor—A. A. Allen, W. L. Henley, W. A. Goodridge.

New Harmony—T. L. Mann, J. C. Bryant, L. Bryant.

New Hope—C. C. Clayton, W. M. Daniel, J. W. Nix.

New Canaan—J. R. Guest, D. P. Galloway.

New Home— Stephens.

Pleasant Hill—E. B. Barker, E. G. White.

Pleasant Valley—John Mitchel, E. J. Bobo, T. H. Hollis, J. W. Nance.

Providence—M. B. Chumley, I. B. Dalrymple, J. J. Graves, R. L. Waldrop.

Shiloh—A. C. Dickson, J. L. Pace.

Shady Grove—B. A. Gregory.

Tennessee Valley—Not represented.

Unity—W. H. Sumerhour, J. W. Young.

Union Grove, No 1—P. H. Carlyle, L. T. M. Traylor.

Union Grove, No. 2—E. B. Jones, S. Sparks.

Valley Head—W. C. Culberson.

Dispensed with the reading of By-Laws and Articles of Faith.

Called for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

By motion of Eld. Samuel Sparks, elected Eld. J. B. Appleton, Moderator, and C. C. Davis, Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Called for corresponents, and received Eld. J. A. C. Sims and Leander Copeland from Cedar Bluff Association, and E. E. George from Etowah, and G. E. Mize, Cahaba Association, and Bro. E. E. George to represent the State Board of Missions, and G. E. Mize to represent the American Sunday School Union.

Devotional committee: W. H. Logan, B. C. Jonos, J. V. Glazener and the Deacons of the Church- Committees to report at this meeting. On Temperance: J. L. Pace, R. H. Shaw; Sabbath Schools: J. P. Stanley, J. C. Heptinstall; Orphans Home: P. H. Carlyle, J. J. Clayton.

On motion agreed to read reports on mission and discuss together at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Gave Brother E. E. George time to tell of his work at Alabama City.

Appointed W. W. Harris to read report on State Mission.

Adopted after prayer by Eld. J. C. Heptinstall.

Preaching at church at night by Eld. E. E. George. Text, 1st verse of 11 chapter of St. Luke.

SECOND DAY—8:30 A. M.

Met read 122 psalm and prayer offered by Eld. Sparks. Read and adopted minutes of yesterday. Appointed committees to report at the next meeting. Read reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions and discussed by S. Sparks, E. E. George, W. W. Harris. J. W. Stewart,, J. L. Pace, J. J. Clayton, E. Crawford.

Received Eld. J. W. Stewart, President of the Baptist Orpan's Home at Evergreen, Alabama.

Agreed to employ a young preacher during the vacation of school to work as missionary in our Association.

Appointed committee to select a man to preach the Introductory sermon at the next meeting and a delegate to Southren Baptist Convention that meets in New Orleans in May, 1901. Appointed J. J. Clayton to preach Introductory and L. Chambers alternate. J. L. Pace delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and P. C. Chitwood alternate.

THIRD DAY—8:30 A. M.

Read 126 psalm and prayer offered by Eld. W. P. Clayton. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Read and adopted report on Temperance after speeches by W. W. Harris, J. C. Hepinstall, J. A. C. Sims, W. R. Johnson, E. J. Bobo.

Read and adopted report on Literature after speech by J. A. C. Sims.

Read and adopted report on Sabbath Schools.

Communications received from B. Y. P. U. of Collinsville Union and appointed J. A. Croley, President for the County.

Postoffice Fort Payne; John Bartlett Secretary, Postoffice Collinsville.

On motion agreed to recognize or recommend the work of the Baptist Young People's Union.

Elected delegates to State Convention: J. B. Appleton, W. W. Harris, J. L. Pace, R. H. Shaw, E. Crawford.

Appointed Executive Committee: W. W. Harris, J. B. Appleton, C. C. Davis, J. P. Stanley, R. H. Shaw.

Allowed the Clerk $10 for his services out of the minute fund and balance to be used for printing and distributing minutes.

Divided public collections equally with mission boards.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, The Cherokee Baptist Association, feel the importance of having intoxicating spirits removed from our county and not allow it made or sold in our county, that we all go to work and get up a petition and ask all other Christian denominations and people who favor this move, both men and women, to help us and send said petition to our Congressman and ask him to have a law passed prohibiting the licensing of men to make or sell it in our county by the United States.

Preaching at 12 m. by W. W. Harris. Public collection, $9.80.

Adjourned after giving parting hand and prayer by J. L. Pace.

(P. S. Those who help to pay Eld. J. L. Pace's expenses to Southern Baptist Convention will please send to C. C. Davis.)

J. B. Appleton, Moderator.

C. C. Davis, Clerk.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the good Brethren and Sisters of Providence church and settlement for their bountiful and hearty hospitality they have given the delegates and visitors in attendance at the Association.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

While there is good efficient work being done in the Sunday Schools throughout the entire limits of this Association. While consecrated men and women are giving much earnest thought and prayer to the work of the Master in educating the children in regard to their obligation to God and to their fellowmen, and while many new schools have been organized during the past year, and many of the old schools have been made so interesting because of the earnest work of officers and teachers that they have become all the year around or "Evergreen" schools. There is much work along this line yet to be accomplished. Many Churches report in their letters, "No Sunday School." This condition of affairs ought not to exist. Every Baptist Church in this Association ought to have its Sunday School, and we deem it the duty of every church that has no Sunday School, to organize one at once. We believe it a great source of strength to the church, a powerful influence for good in every community, and an obligation we owe our Creator. Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The church and the Sunday School should always go hand in hand. All members of the church should be members of the Sunday School, for we are never too old to study God's word, and that is what the Sunday School for. All Sunday School scholars should become

members of the church and the teachers should all work with that purpose ever in mind to so teach, by the help of the Master that the children who hear the Word may believe its teachings and accept Christ as their Saviour and become a member of his church militant. In the School we hear there is much neglected work, not half of the children attend the Sunday School. It should be the aim of the officers and teachers of every school, by systematic organized work, to gather them all in and then make the general work of the Sunday School and the work of the teachers in their classes so interesting as to secure the regular and permanent attendance. Nearly every beat in DeKalb County has either its beat or district organization, and arrangements were made at the last County Sunday School Association to complete the County organization before the next State convention. We earnestly solicit your aid and your prayers in this much neglected branch of the Masters work.

J. P. STANLEY. J. C. HEPTINSTALL.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions offer the following:

With such plain commands of our Master before us as is plainly set forth in the Bible and seeing such grand results from our limited obedience to them it ought to stimulate us to a full and complete obedience. Unto us the Captain of our salvation committed the evangelization of the world, for we are His representatives on earth and He teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. He would have us go with the warmth of Christian love and sympathy that comes from on high. Last year the foreign mission board reported 845 baptisms, the largest number in the history of its work. This year they reported 1,341. Thus we see that while we resolved to increase the work 25 per cent. the Lord honored our purpose of heart and increased the results in foreign fields over fifty per cent. To get an idea of the wonderful blessings of the past few years let us remember that in 1896, after over fifty years work, we had in foreign lands a living membership of 3,801. In the past three years there have been added by baptism 2,887. Sixteen new missionaries have been sent out during the year. The foreign mission board closed the year free of debt, having received $140,102.30. Yet we should remember that this is an average of only about 8¾ cents per member for all our people. The total expense of our work for the past year has been 8 5-7 cents on the dollar. The expense for collecting in the States has been less than 4½ cts. on the dollar, so that all the expenses amounted to less than 13 2-7 cents. Of each dollar given nearly .87 cents goes to the missionaries. Baptists are gaining ground everywhere. Seeing the Lord has so wonderfully blessed our limited obedience let us go on to victory, attempting great things for the Lord and we may expect greater things from the Lord. It is evident the light and knowledge of the glorious gospel are now being more generally diffused than ever before. The Missionary Baptists are a powerful body, the smiles of God have been upon them. They now number four and one half million and their missionaries have gone to about every nation on the globe.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL SPARKS. C. J. CRUMP.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature would first recommend a faithful study of the Bible, for in it we can get the true knowledge of our Saviour's love to us and our duties to Him, and to our fellow man. This may seem a useless thing for us to say to the people to read the Bible, but when we think of how little we know of its grand truth and of its grand helps to us in all of our trouble and trials in life. There is consolation in it to give us peace and pleasure when we trust in them and helps for our Sabbath Schools. The Literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., and we would not forget to say a word for the American Baptist Publication Society that has done so much for the denomination papers, Alabama Baptist, The Texas Baptist Standard, The Christian Index,

C. C. DAVIS.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As we look back over the century which will close before we meet again as an Arsociation, it is pleasant to remember what Baptist have done in the great cause of christian education. During the first decade Baptists increased in numbers from 80,000 in the United States to 172,-972, grouped in 2,164 churches and presided over by 1,605 pastors. Seventeen States composed the Union at that time and Baptists were well distributed through all of them. The second decade was the era of general quickening on the subject of education. Brown University was founded as early as 1764, but was still at the beginning of the period named the only degree confering institution under Baptist control. It is but the simple truth to say that Baptists, as a mass, were indifferent or hostile to ministerial education. Here and there, however, as in the Philadelphia Association, the Charleston Association and the Warren Association, of Rhode Island, were conspicuous leaders who realized that the character, dignity and progress of the denomination depended upon the culture of it representatives. The conversion of Adonivan, Judson and Luther Rice, to Baptist sentiments in 1812, while under appointment as foreign missionaries of another denomination, exerted a powerful effect on education among Baptists in America. These men had enjoyed the advantages of thorough training, both in college and Theological Seminaris. Their scholarship was one factor in the forces which induced them to except Baptist doctrine. Luther Rice, who returned from Burmah to stir up our churches to greater zeal and liberality for foreign missions, soon turned aside to do the fundamental work of fostering the uprising revival of interest in general and ministeral education. Evangelization of the heathen abroad reacted on our brethren to provide education for the illiterate at home. Now, in the last decade of the century, the Baptisl of America had seven Theological Seminaries, besides theological departments in several of the Colleges, thirty-six universities and colleges, thirty-two seminaries of various grades for young women, forty seven co-educational seminaries and academies, and thirty-one institutions for negroes and Indians. The aggregate value of educational property and endowments exceeds thirty-three million dollars Reviewing the past year, it is gratifying to report the continued prosperity of Howard College. Its faculy is able, efficient and popular. The students are a noble body of young men. Body, mind and soul receive proportionate and proper care. Howard College needs and richly deserves a large endowment to enable it to meet the requirements of its noble mission as the leading educational institution of Alabama Baptists Judson Institute for young ladies at Marion, Alabama, is the oldest Baptist College women in the United States. The Sixty-Second annual session that closed last June was the most prosperous in the history of the Institution. 147 boarders in addition to a large day patronage. Eleven states represented. The Judson is not a cheap school, but offers the best advantages at the lowest attainable cost. Our district associations, almost without exception, gives regular and earnest consideration of the subject of education at every annual session. So that it is perhaps safe to say that in Alabama Baptist have never been more generally or more heartily interested in the training of the rising generation than during the past Associational year. None the less, after all the Baptist and other denominations and the State itself have expended in our schools, public and private, the unpleasant fact remains that illiteracy abounds in Alabama. Illiteracy in the State at this time is a disgrace to those who must confess it the census taker. And illiteracy in our churches, except the rarest cases, is a deadweight of denominational degradation which neither God nor man will longer excuse. Next to intemperance, the worstfoe to the advancement of the cause of Christ in Alabama is ignorance. Ignorance is an enemy to the bodies, minds and souls of our people which this Association was solemnly organized to drive out of their homes, and against ignorance we must continue to present a solid front of embattlement array. Evangelization and education, the conversion and the culturing of all within their reach, directly or indirectly, by all available means, in the imperative, unavoidable duty every Baptist, laid upon himself by every consideration

of piety, pride, patriotism and philanthrophy. And, as from the holy lights of this present assembly of God's people, we look out on the new century soon to dawn, remembering the evangical and enlightened sentiments and struggles of our fathers during the past hundred years, let us resolve to re-dedicate ourselves and all we have to christianization and civilization of the many souls in our beloved commonwealth.

Respectrully submitted,

ELIJAH CRAWFORD, T. A. CAPSHAW.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are profoundly thankful for the spirit which is moving our churches. It can be no other than the spirit of Jesus When the blessed Master came to the world He came to save the lost and to do this He went about. He ministered. There was no selfishness in Him and when we in whose hands He left His work are filled with His spirit the last will be sought by our prayers, work and means, whether they live in our yards or across the sea. The work of our State Board is encouraging and commendable. The thirty or more men employed by the Board have traveled, prayed and preached, and as a result Sunday Schools have been organized, churches constituted and hundreds of happy souls have been Baptized, Our beloved Secretary, Bro. Crumpton, is searching out the dark corners and destitute places of our State and in these places churches are soon constituted and there begins another little company of soldiers to war against the powers of Satan. We recommend that the churches pay earnest heed to Him that stands upon the walls of Zion and whatsoever He saith unto us do it.

W. W. HARRIS.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to offer the following report:

We earnestly insist that we look well to our home field. If the streams of gospel light we have been sending out continue to flow, we must keep the fountain head supplied. We are under obligations to look after our home field. It is the absolute importance of the home field for the proper and successful evangelization of the world. Today no nation on earth has any more power and influence than is found within the bounds of th Southern Baptist Convention. With no nation do such great responsibility and power rest for the world's evangelization as with ours, for it is the main spring of all other missions. How shall we meet this responsibility if we fail to make our home field what it ought to be religiously? If we fail to build up our own waste places, thus establishing well a basis of supplies, we must see that our home field is permeated an satiated with the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. If the light that is in us become darkness, infinitely worse would this be than to let the light houses around our coasts to go out in the blackness of night. If the Baptists are right then the world is looking to us for help. About three fifths of all the Baptists of the world are within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Over a million and a half of these are white Baptists. Brethren, think what do we as Baptists stand for. C. C. CLAYTON. W. M. DANIEL.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We, as American citizens, boast of our navy, boast of our educational institutions, and our privilege of worshiping God under our own vine and fig tree and none dare to molest or make us fear, and I would to God that we could boast of the banishment of the whiskey traffic but we regret to say and, it is a well known fact, that from our contenment, intemperance is abroad in our land. We can find in almost every profession or avocation men, to whom we give honor, and in some instances, they are nothing but drunkards. We are sorry to report that some of our good brethren claim that there is no harm in taking a dram. This practice we regard as being productive of more evil than the drunkness of the drunkard, or even the dram drinker of the man who makes no pretensions to religion, for no one wants to be like the drunkard. Oh, that we could impress it upon the minds and conscientious of our brethren to commence as though they were studying simple numbers at

the unit one. Touch not, handle not, nor taste not the unclean thing. Are you proud of pictures. Here is one drawn by Solomon: Who hath woe: who sorrows; who hath contentions; who hath babblings; who hath wounds without cause: who hath redness of eyes: they that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not then upon the wine when it is red. when it giveth its color in the cup: at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

R. H. Shaw. J. L. Pace.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set fourth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God, for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they may judge proper: Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble and directed by the Word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members of their respective churches—of those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead during the year, and the whole number now in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call for its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for the use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistant manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first day and each day of the session and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privilege to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this Associoation shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No a'teration shall be made in the Constitution or, in the Declaration of Faith and Practice, hereinafter set forth, except

such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an Introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the provious session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or if he be absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read and shall form the order of business of the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion; which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close, and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

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DECLARATON OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

Article 1. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the Creator and preserver of all men of the universe.—1st John, 5, 7; 1st Tim. 2. 5; Proverbs 26, 4.

2. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed evermore.—John 1, 14; 1st Tim. 2, 5; Romans 9, 9.

3. That all scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2d Tim. 3, 16; 2d Peter 1, 20, 21.

4. That the law and testimony, as set forth in the scriptures, is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their scriptural concerns, and their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8, 20.

5. That Adam, the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Romans 5, 12, 19.

6. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification. —Romans 5, 19; 8, 29; John 3, 16.

7. That those blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and not of themselves, not of works, least any man should boast not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1st Peter 1, 12; Ephesians 2, 8, 9; Titus, 3, 5.

8. God working all things after the council of his own will, foreknown unto Him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to Him and He will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear is His voice, and shall never perish: become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when He, who is their life, shall appear with Him in Glory.—Ephesians, 1, 2; Acts 15, 18; John 6, 30; 10, 28, 29; Col. 3, 3, 4.

9. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14, 15; Titus 3, 14.

10. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ without money and without price.—Isaiah 1, 18, 55; John 3, 16.

11. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Daniel 12, 2; John 5, 28, 29; Rev. 20, 12, 13; Matt. 25, 30, and to the end.

12. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Jesus Christ, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Matt. 18, 18; Cor. 1, 2; Eph. 1, 2; Romans 6, 3.

13. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her head, and she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns, of judging of the qualification of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of chosing her own officers in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Matt. 14, 18; 2 Thes. 2. 11; 1 Cor. 14, 20, 21; Acts 14, 23; see (original) Phil. 1, 5.

14. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1 Tim. 3.

15. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water upon a profession of his faith in Christ.—Matt. 18, 19; Mark 16, 16; John 4, 1, 2; Acts 2. 41; Acts 7, 12; 37, 38; Acts 10, 47 48; Rom. 6, 3; Col. 2, 12.

16. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he comes the second time.—Matthew 16, 28; 27, 26; Acts 2, 42; 20 7; 1 Cor. 11, 23, 27.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans Home find, that our Home has been in existence little more than seven years. A Home has been purchased and paid for and many improvements have been made. They own a farm where the boys are taught to work and the girls do various kinds of house work. The Home had an humble beginning and it has not been without its trials, but the blessing of the Lord has been upon it. Into it has been gathered 138 children from thirty counties in this State. While the physical and industrial life of the children are carefully looked after the spiritual life is not neglected. All old enough attend Sunday School and church and every evening they are assembled for singing, reading the scriptures and prayer. Of the 138 children picked up 2 boys have been apprenticed, 2 boys and four girls have died, 2 boys and 1 girl irregularly discharged, 13 boys and 18 girls have been returned to their people and 15 boys and 13 girls have been adopted, leaving in the Home 29 boys and 31 girls. It takes a little more than ten dollars a day for their regular support. They have no income except the free will offering of the friends of this work. Your committee recommends that all our churches contribute to support of this work.

P. H. CARLYLE. J. J. CLAYTON

NAME OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. B. Appleton 3, W. W. Harris 3, Collinsville; J. R. Nix, Rains; W. N. Smith, Whiton; J. L. Pace 1, Fife; N. F. Adams, Lay; A. K. Casey, Duck Spring; J. S. Horton, Duck Spring; S.C. Richards 1, Luttrell; W. P. Clayton, Talley; John Pitts 1, Mahon; P. H. Carlyle, G. R. Thacerson. Callahan; J. J. Williams, Tenbroeck; C. Sparks 1, Sand Mountain; E Crawford 4, Sauty Mills; J. J. Clayton 4, Sand Mountain; G. W. Ingrum, Tip: E. P. Boroughs, Geraldine; J. G. Denton, Armuchee, Ga.; P. C. Chitwood, Lebanon; E. K. McKenzie 2, T. J. McCullough, Halford; E. C. Stone 1, J. A. Young 1, Mahan; L. Chambers, Rains; W. H. Lackey 1, Stella; D. M. Burges, Cedar Bluff; J. C. Heptinstall 1, Dawson; D. A. Pledger 1, Taff.

LICENTIATES—C. C. Lee, Collinsvil'e; W. C. L. Hendon, Martling; E. Upton, Whiton; J. H. Harris, Jink; R. A. Thackerson, Callahan; L. T. M. Trayler, Sylvania; W. J. Taylor, Tenbroeck; J. H. Pertree, Floy; J.F. Smith, Sand Mountain; T. P. Morris, Stella; C. J. Crump, Crossville: W. R. Johnson, Tenbroeck.

*Graveyard funds.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS. State Cash and Voucher.	Home Cash and Voucher.	Foreign Cash and Voucher.	Chr'ch B'ldgs (not at home) C'sh & V'cher	Bible and Col portage, Cash and Voucher.	Ministerial Education. Cash & V'ch'r	Orphan's Home. C'sh and V'cher	Minutes.....	HOME EXPENSES. Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools. Etc	Value of Property.
Antioch.....	$ 1 00	2 30	6 75	.....	.....	.....	40	55	.....	.....	4 00	300 00
Beulah.....	25	85	2 60	.....	.....	10	15	65	23 23	.....	.....	200 00
Black Creek.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	20 00	.....	.....	300 00
Buron.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	25	20	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Corinth.....	2 00	2 00	4 10	.....	.....	2 00	3 10	25	.....	.....	1 25	200 00
Collinsville..	6 00	14 00	14 00	.....	.....	3 25	3 00	90	300 00	56 00	15 00	800 00
Friendship.....	.....	.....	5 35	.....	.....	.....	15	00	29 25	23 67	2 25	300 00
Flat Rock.....	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	57	1 30	25	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Fort Payne.....	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	85	100 00	.....	12 00	600 00
Gravel Hill.....	1 75	5 50	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	47 00	.....	.....	300 00
Hope Well	.....	.....	4 60	.....	.....	.....	25	80	15 75	.....	.....	200 00
Liberty Hill No. 1	6 20	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	90	10 00	.....	3 00	300 00
Liberty Hill No. 2	1 45	1 45	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	5 00	400 00
Kyuka	.....	.....	6 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	75	300 00
Mt. Pleasant....	.....	.....	5 36	.....	1 79	.....	.....	60	.....	8 55	2 24	260 00
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	18 50	.....	3 20	150 00
Mt. Vernon.....	1 50	1 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	250 00
Mt. Flat	3 85	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	10 00	.....	.....	200 00
Macedonia.. .	2 75	2 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	05	17 60	*22 50	.....	150 00
Mt Tabor	.....	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	00	39 00	.....	.....	150 00
New Harmony....	.....	50	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	25 00	.....	.....	400 00
New Hope	.....	2 20	5 00	50	.....	.....	90	00	.....	.....	.....	200 00
New Canaan.....	4 95	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	9 75	.....	.....	300 00
New Home	2 90	2 90	2 90	2 10	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Pleasant Hill....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	40	.....	.....	.....	250 00
Pleasant Valley..	.....	2 60	2 85	.....	.....	.....	2 04	95	24 75	.....	4 50	300 00
Providence.....	50	.....	2 31	.....	.....	.....	1 00	60	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Shiloh	50	.....	3 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Shady Grove.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Tenn. Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity	60	75	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	400 00
Union Grove No. 1	...	75	75	.....	.....	.....	50	75	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Union Grove No. 2	.....	.....	2 00	80	.....	.....	25	00	.....	*84	.....	200 00
Valley Head	2 00	2 00	2 41	.....	.....	.....	1 00	00	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Collec. at Asso'n	3 26	3 26	3 28	15 30	.....	.....	8 61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ..	$42 96	51 56	109 23	19 80	1 79	5 92	21 96	29 05	669 83	90 56	57 94	916000

STATISTICS OF THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Post Office	Membership last reported.	Incr. by Baptism.	Incr by Letter.	Incr by Restra'n	Decr'd by Letter.	Decr'd by Exclu'n	Decr'd by Death	Present Membership.	Sunday School. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School. Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and Post Office.	Preaching Sab'ths
Antioch	DeKalb	E. Crawford	J M Abercrombie	Sauty Mills	46		12					58	7	54	J O White, Fife	2
Buron	"	L. B. Irwin	N. B Moore	Blake	14							14				4
Black Creek	Etowah	D. B. White.	R. M Blackwell	Lay	91	3		1	2			92				4
Beulah	DeKalb	J.Heptinstall	M. Little	Ten Broeck	78	4		2	3			74				2
Corinth	Jackson	J. J. Clayton	M. A. Cook	Tally	40	20	7		2	1		67	7	60	J W Jones, Floy	1
Collinsville	DeKalb	W. W. Harris	J. L. Ventres	Collinsville	226	10	6		8		2	232	9	100	W A Wilbanks, Collinsville	3
Friendship	"	E. Crawford.	M. B. Hall	Dawson	71	2	11		1			83	9	50	J I Cret, Dawson	1
Flat Rock	"	P C Chitwood	L. D Corley	Guest	80		5		9	2		74				2
Fort Payne	"	W. W. Harris	J. P. Stanley	Fort Payne	86		2		11		1	77	8	60	J P Stanley, Fort Payne	4
Gravel Hill	"	J B Appleton	E. B. Hannah	Brandon	55				7		1	47				4
Hope Well	"	E. Crawford.	F. B. Hall	Whiton	72	16	3		1	2	1	67	6	59	A B Masters, Whiton	4
Liberty Hill No 1	"	W. W. Harris	A. B. Tidmore	Collinsville	72	6			2	1		73	6	46	F C Cook, Collinsville	3
Liberty Hill No 2	Cherokee	J. M. Smith	W. H. Tallent	Starkville	38	16	8		2	2	1	60	4	40	J S Sheural, Starkville	3
Kyuka	Etowah	G. A. Price.	P. H Gilbreath	Duck Springs	97	5	3	1	2	1		103				4
Mt. Pleasant	DeKalb	E. Crawford.	J. E. Johnson	Thirty-Nine	70	6	5		9			72	8	68	R Upton, South Hill	3
Mt. Zion	Cherokee	E. McKenzie	A. M. Studdard.	Powell	71	15	4		13	1	2	74				2
Mt Vernon	DeKalb	W. H. Lackey	J. Z. Glazener	Stella	169	6	2		6	3	2	166				2
Mt. Flat	"	J. J. Clayton	J. M. Cash	Halford	96	5	3		4			98				3
Mt. Tabor	"	J.Heptinstall	A. M. Gilbert	Opher	59	12	16		5	2	3	77	9	90	J G Blanton, Wills	4
Macedonia	"	S Sparks	W. A. Ellenburg	Skirum	112	1	6		6	2	5	106				1
New Harmony	"	R. W. Roe.	J. W. Hodgins	Jink	75	15	4		3	2	1	89				2
New Hope	"	J. J. Clayton.	M. L. Clayton	Crossville	143	18	14		20			155				3
New Canaan	"	S. Sparks	J. S Burns	Whiton	81	9	3		4	1		87				3
New Home	"	L. Chambers.	R. B. Roe	Rains	62	10	2		14	2		56	4	40	L Chambers, Rains	2
Pleasant Hill	Jackson	E. C. Stone	W. N. Plaster	Dutton	46				3	2		41				3
Pleasant Valley	Cherokee	J B Appleton	M. P. Brock	Leonard	124		5				1	128	6	45	M P Brock, Lenard	2
Providence	DeKalb	J B Appleton	R. L. Waldrop	Chumley	62				9			53				1
Shiloh	"	J L Pace	W. H. Teal	Fiffe	31	2	6					40	6	75	C Parker, Fife	4
Shady Grove	"	J. A. C. Sims	G. N. Cleland	Collinsville	26				2			24				2
Tennessee Valley	Marshall	W R Johnson	B. A. Foreman	Meltonsville	27							27				3
Unity	DeKalb	L. B. Irwin	W H Summerhour	Mahan	50	4					1	53	8	43	J A Young, Mahan	2
Union Grove No 1	"	John Pitts	T H P Thackerson	Callahan	46	6	4					56				1
Union Grove No 2	"	S. Sparks	C W York	Crossville	98	6	13		9			108				4
Valley Head	"	W T Hartline	C Y Culberson	Valley Head	43	5	2		1			49				
				Total	2418	202	146	4	163	24	21	2680	97	830		